

~~TOP SECRET TRINE VENONA~~

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To VIKTOR[1].

On the [D% 15th] of July Gustavo MACHADO[11] is returning to VENEZUELA

[44 groups unrecoverable]

chartered a [C% French] ship [1 group unrecovered]. [D% After] the suppression of the uprising lived in exile in MEXICO CITY. Since 1939 has been living with his family in COLOMBIA where he is engaged in distributing Soviet films and literature. In November 1943 got the chance to return to his native country. In CARACAS he is a partner in an office for the distribution of Mexican and Soviet films. During the course of his two months' stay in COLOMBIA I found him [D% a lover] of Soviet films and literature, [D% while being] quite mature, devoted, well informed. Has wide connections in liberal circles in COLOMBIA and VENEZUELA. I request your permission to sign "CHARRO[CHARRO]"[111] on as a source of political information and leads. [C% We will] maintain liaison through his wife. In one of the conversations "CHARRO" said: "On the day the Venezuelan Trade Unions were dissolved "Sh..."[iv], who was in CARACAS, had a conference with the leaders of the FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN[ZEMLYAKI] and expressed himself in favor of the formation of an illegal FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN's[ZEMLYACHESKAYA][v] organization.

[37 groups unrecoverable]

Comments:

- [1] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen P.M. FITIN.
- [11] Gustavo MACHADO : Communist Party leader in Venezuela.
- [111] "CHARRO" : Probably Gustavo MACHADO MORALES.
- [iv] "Sh..." : A cover-name beginning ShI...orShK... This cover-name has also occurred in messages on the MEXICO CITY lane, where it has been identified as probably denoting Vicente LOMBARDO TOLEDANO.
- [v] "FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN's" : Communist.

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